

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 16, 2003

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF CUMBERLAND
TELECOM FOR AUTHORITY TO
PROVIDE COCOT SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

**DOCKET NO.
96-00547**

Company ID: 120597

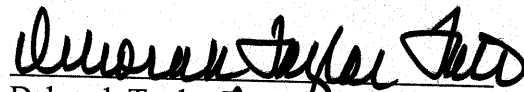
**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER OWNED COIN OR COINLESS
OPERATED TELEPHONE SERVICE**

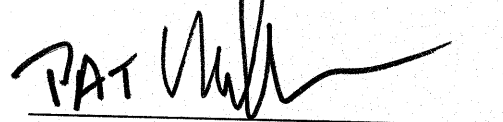
This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 18, 2003, upon the request of Cumberland Telecom (the "Company") to cancel its authority to be an operator of Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") service in the State of Tennessee.

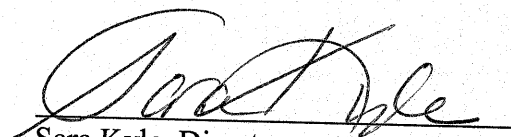
The Company originally filed its Application to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee on March 19, 1996. On March 21, 1996, the Tennessee Public Service Commission issued an order stating that the Company had met all the requirements to operate COCOT service in Tennessee. On August 1, 2003, the TRA received a letter from Mr. Robert Kitchener, President of Cumberland Telecom, requesting that the TRA cancel the Company's authority.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The request of Cumberland Telecom to cancel its authority to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee is granted, and this docket is closed.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Sara Kyle, Director